GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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MISUSE OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a number of States have not utilised funds for tourism but have misused these funds;

(b) if so, the total amount provided to each state and the names of States and Union Territories which have misused the funds;

(c) the action taken against them;

(d) whether the Union Government is considering to have direct investment fordevelopment of tourists spots in these States and Union Territories in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c) : The Department of Tourism, Govt. of India extends Financial Assistance to the State Govts./UT Administrations every year for identified tourism projects as per the guidelines. Funds are sanctioned based on interse priority of the proposal and availability of funds. Utilisation of funds for the projects is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments/ UT Administrations. However, delay in implementation, if any, regarding utilisation of funds is taken up with the State Govts./UT Administrations for remedial measures.

(d) and (e) : In the Ninth Plan, schemes envisaged financial contribution from the State/UT Governments.In the Tenth Plan now it is proposed that in the scheme of Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits entire funding would be done by the Department of Tourism, Government of India. However, State support would be required for certain items of the project.